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Dear Mr. Muller:

At your request I am providing the enclosed copy of the environmental report originally prepared in March of 1995 by Walsh & Associates.

As you know the EPA conducted a study of Rico recently. At that time I provided your associate, Mrs. Melanie Pullman, with a great deal of relevant information including a questionnaire which I believe addresses all of the issues you mentioned to me in our recent conversation.

Mrs. Pullman advises that her file, which includes all the above mentioned information, has been forwarded to your office. I hope that once you have had the opportunity to review that material you will understand why I believe there is no justification for the EPA to involve me further in this investigation.

Sincerely,

Stanley A. Foster
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